

existing laws such as Gambling Act etc. to match fixing is being examined.

Posts of Hindi Officers etc., in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

3166. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in the Ministry and allied PSUs/Attached and Subordinate Offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Correspondence in Hindi;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Ministry has one post of Assistant Director, one post of Senior Hindi Translator and three posts of Junior Hindi Translators. However, no such posts exist in the National Service Scheme (NSS), which is the only Subordinate Office. There is no PSU or Attached Office under the Ministry.

(b) and (c) One Junior Hindi Translator has gone on deputation to the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, from September, 2000. Pending the substitute to be provided by the Department of Official Language, the Ministry has decided to fill up the post of Junior Hindi Translator on purely ad-hoc basis.